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In re Application of Mike Daily et al.

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Application No. 09/690,574 Filed: October 17, 2000

DECISION ON PETITION

Attorney Docket No. HRL048

UNDER 37 C.F.R. \$1.181(A)

Title: AUDIO ON LOCATION

This is a decision on the petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. \$1.181(a), filed on April 16, 2007.

#### BACKGROUND

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R \$1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed August 9, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. An afterfinal amendment was received on October 8, 2004, and an advisory action was mailed on November 30, 2004. An appeal brief was filed on March 3, 2005, however a notice of appeal was not filed prevenient thereto. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R \$1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on November 10, 2004. A notice of abandonment was mailed on January 23, 2007.

# RELEVANT PORTION OF THE C.F.R.

37 C.F.R. §1.8(b) sets forth, in toto:

(b) In the event that correspondence is considered timely filed by being mailed or transmitted in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, but not received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office after a reasonable amount of time has elapsed from the time of mailing or transmitting of the correspondence, or after the application is held to be abandoned, or after the proceeding is dismissed, terminated, or decided with prejudice, the correspondence will be considered timely if the party who forwarded such correspondence:

- (1) Informs the Office of the previous mailing or transmission of the correspondence promptly after becoming aware that the Office has no evidence of receipt of the correspondence;
- (2) Supplies an additional copy of the previously mailed or transmitted correspondence and certificate; and
- (3) Includes a statement which attests on a personal knowledge basis or to the satisfaction of the Director to the previous timely mailing or transmission. If the correspondence was sent by facsimile transmission, a copy of the sending unit's report confirming transmission may be used to support this statement.

### ANALYSIS

The showing in the present petition is not sufficient to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

Petitioner has asserted that a notice of appeal was timely submitted to the Office on December 30, 2004. Petitioner has submitted a copy of this notice of appeal, and it is noted that it contains both an authorization to charge both a credit card and a Deposit Account, as well as a certificate of mailing dated December 30, 2004.

The electronic file has been reviewed, and it does not appear to contain a copy of this submission.

Certificate of mailing practice provides a mechanism by which Applicants may evince that a paper was timely submitted to the Office, in the event that the correspondence is not received.

Petitioner's submission has been reviewed: with the present petition, Petitioner has informed the Office of the previous mailing and provided an additional copy of the previously submitted correspondence. However, it is noted that the certificate of facsimile transmission was executed by one Scott Davison, and it does not appear that Petitioner has included a statement from this individual. 37 C.F.R. \$1.8(b)(3) requires the inclusion of a statement that attests on a personal knowledge basis or to the satisfaction of the Director to the previous timely mailing or transmission. On renewed petition, Petitioner may wish to include a statement from Mr. Davison.

### CONCLUSION

Pursuant to the discussion above, the submission is incomplete. It follows that the present petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181 must be **DISMISSED**.

Any reply must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. \$1.136(a) are permitted. The reply should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. \$1.181." This is not a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C \$704.

The alternate petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) will be held in abeyance so as to afford Petitioner the opportunity to file a renewed petition under Rule §1.181. If Petitioner would prefer to seek revival under the unintentional standard, a response to this decision should be submitted with words to this effect.

Any subsequent petition should indicate in a prominent manner that the attorney handling this matter is Paul Shanoski, and may be submitted by mail<sup>1</sup>, hand-delivery<sup>2</sup>, or facsimile<sup>3</sup>. If responding by mail, Petitioner is advised not to place the undersigned's name on the envelope. Only the information that appears in the footnote should be included – adding anything else to the address will delay the delivery of the response to the undersigned. Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225<sup>4</sup>. All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Paul Shanoski Senior Attorney Office of Petitions

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<sup>1</sup> Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450. 2 Customer Window, Randolph Building, 401 Dulaney Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314.

<sup>3 (571) 273-8300-</sup> please note this is a central facsimile number.
4 Politioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. §1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any further action(s) of Petitioner.

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Examiner : Ferguson, Keith

Date : July 27, 2007

15 Attorney Handling Matter : Paul Shanoski

TITLE: AUDIO ON LOCATION

## RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

ATTN: PETITIONS – Paul Shanoski

Dear Mr. Shanoski,

Applicant respectfully requests a Renewed Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) for the above referenced application. The Petition Decision mailed to Applicant on June 21, 2007 stated that Applicant failed to include a statement that attests on a personal knowledge basis or to the satisfaction of the Director to the previous timely mailing or transmission. Thus, Applicant now responds with a proper statement by Scott Davison, the individual that executed the original facsimile transmission.

#### Previous Correspondence:

Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment because the Applicant allegedly did not file an Official Notice of Appeal. However, Applicant mailed an Official Notice of Appeal on December 30, 2004 with the originally filed reply. A copy of the originally filed reply

and a properly itemized date-stamped postcard receipt, as required by MPEP § 711.03(c) was attached to the Petition mailed on April 12, 2007.

Also, prior to receiving the Notice of Abandonment, the Examiner notified the Applicant that no Notice of Appeal was received by the Examiner. In response, Applicant sent proof via facsimile to the Examiner that the Notice was sent, including the date-stamped postcard, on December 19, 2006. The corresponding facsimile was attached to the previously filed Petition, mailed on April 12, 2007. Afterwards, the Applicant spoke with the Examiner and the matter appeared to be resolved. Applicant subsequently received the Notice of Abandonment, dated January 23, 2007.

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In response to the Notice of Abandonment, the Applicant spoke with the Examiner on March 20, 2007 and the Examiner requested Applicant to again fax the proper documents a second time. Applicant timely responded and sent the proper documents, including the Notice of Appeal and postcard receipt, to the Examiner via facsimile on March 20, 2007. The corresponding facsimile report was attached to the previously filed Petition, mailed on April 12, 2007. Applicant confirmed with the Examiner that the facsimile was received and the Examiner stated that a docket clerk would review the documents and inform us on how to proceed. Applicant followed up with the Examiner within the following week and the documents were still under review. Not until April 5, 2007, was the Applicant told by the Examiner that a head examiner now requests a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment. As such, Applicant requested a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment. The Petition was dismissed for failing to include a statement which attests on a personal knowledge basis the previous timely mailing, which Applicant now submits.

In the alternative to the Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment, Applicant previously attached the appropriate documents to file a Petition for Revival of an Application Abandoned for Unintentional Delay.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## Personal Statement under 37 CFR §1.8(b)(3)

I, Scott Davison, attest to my personal knowledge that I sent a timely notice of appeal on December 30, 2004 for US Application No. 09/690,574, attorney reference HRL048. The notice of appeal along with supporting documentation including a transmittal with certificate of mailing, fee calculation sheet, credit card payment form, and return receipt postcard was submitted by first-class mail with the US Postal Service on December 30, 2004 and was properly addressed to the USPTO.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Davison

Registration No. 52,800

(760) 434-5868

Serial / Agr. No.: 09/960,574 Martin Date: 12/30/20/2
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Signature

Date

12/30/2004